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ARRAIGNS U. S. ARMY AND NAVY

Representative McLachlan of California Attacks Weakness of Defense.

SAYS ORIENTAL WAR MEANS LOSS OF PACIFIC STATES

California Introduces Resolution to Compel Secretary of War to Make Public Report on State of Military Forces—Says It Would Be Murder to Send Militia Against Trained Soldiers—Claims Japs Have Maps of Railroads of United States.

Washington, May 19.—Declaring that in the present state of the national defense, a war with an oriental power might mean permanent separation of the Pacific coast from the union, Representative James McLachlan of California today arraigned the weakness of the United States army and navy, in a speech in the house in support of a resolution, which he introduced calling upon the secretary of war for a report on the state of the military forces. McLachlan disclaimed any predilection toward militarism. He declared that he had awaited a time when all the world was at peace to present his resolution in order that no friendly power might be offended.

Charging that every officer in the world's armies was acquainted with the weakness of our military defense, McLachlan demanded that the American people be placed in the same position. He asked for no military secrets, he said, but only that an uncolored and truthful statement of the national defense be given to the people.

That the entire system of coast defense installed during the past two decades at a cost of \$100,000,000 is absolutely useless for want of mobile land forces to defend it from land attacks was one of McLachlan's startling statements. In case of war with Japan, he said, the Pacific coast states would be invaded and occupied by Asiatic soldiers who could be "dislodged only by a dishonorable and humiliating peace."

Militia Is Inadequate.

While paying high tribute to the state militia, the speaker characterized as sheer murder the placing of but partly trained soldiers in the field, unsteady by an adequate regular force, against trained and disciplined troops. In substantiation of this statement McLachlan quoted "very great national military leader from Washington to the present day." He produced statistics of the Spanish war and other American wars to prove that this country in its wars has been the greatest spender of life and treasure among the nations of the earth, ancient and modern.

The inability of the navy to lend assistance on the Pacific coast in event of war with Japan, owing to the battleship fleet being stationed on the Atlantic was set forth by the speaker who proceeded to review the obstacles that would confront a Japanese invasion. He charged that it was common knowledge among military authorities that every mile of the Pacific coast had been chartered by Japanese military officers.

MANY WATER USERS OF COUNTY ATTEND HEARING

About 200 farmers who use water from the Umatilla river or its tributary streams of Birch and McKay creeks are gathered in Pendleton today for the hearing before Commissioner Saxton and to place their claims on file with that official. All of today and tomorrow and possibly a greater part of Saturday will be consumed in this work, though the progress being made is very satisfactory.

At the opening of the hearing this morning Commissioner Saxton delivered an address to the irrigators who were present in numbers sufficient to fill the circuit court room to capacity. As at Echo, he explained the purpose and working of the law under which the present proceedings were being taken. At the conclusion of his remarks he gave an opportunity for those present to ask questions and the ques-

claimed, for the recruiting and equipment of an army of a million men to dislodge the invaders. He challenged the government to show that such a force could be equipped and sent against the enemy within a year.

EXPLOSION IN POWDER PLANT KILLS FIVE

Nanimo, B. C., May 19.—An explosion in the separator plant of the Hamilton Powder company today killed five men. The dead are: George Preston, married; Elias W. Ager, married; H. Meridith, married; W. Baldwin, single, and Herbert Hugh, married. Hugh was foreman. The separator plant was wrecked. The explosion was felt for miles. One mutilated body has been recovered. Fragments of flesh are scattered over a large radius.

PENDLETON MAN HONORED BY W. O. W. ELECTION

Baker City, May 19.—George Carmichael of Pendleton, W. J. Wright, of Union, and George Smith of Elgin, were elected delegates last night to the state encampment of the Woodmen of the World.

LINE TWO MILES LONG TO SEE DEAD MONARCH

London, May 19.—A line two miles long was awaiting when the doors of Westminster Hall were thrown open today. This is the last chance for the public to pass before the coffin of Edward VIII. Many remained in the line all night.

ANTI-GUGGENHEIM MAN ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

Juneau, May 19.—James Wickersham, delegate from Alaska, announces his candidacy for re-election in a message from Washington. He said he would run because he is unalterably opposed to the Guggenheim domination of Alaska.

PENDLETON DAY AT CALEDONIAN PICNIC

MANY PLAN TO GO TO ATHENA TOMORROW

Great Inflow of People at Athena Indicates Success for Annual Gathering of the Clans—Special Feature Program Has Been Prepared.

Tomorrow, Pendleton day at the Caledonian picnic, promises to be another red letter day for that bustling town. With the best program the association has ever presented and with the co-operation of the Pendleton Commercial association and Pendleton citizens, the crowd in attendance on the opening day of the picnic promises to eclipse all former days in the history of the annual celebration.

The clans began gathering today and with the arrival of tomorrow morning's trains from each direction, people will be pouring into the picnic town by the hundred. It is expected that there will be a general exodus from this city for in addition to the low fare granted by the railroad company for the roundtrip, many owners of automobiles are planning to take their machines up to participate in the parade and all will be loaded with passengers.

The Caledonian picnic has always been a popular annual event, but this year the celebration spirit seems to be more rife than usual and it is believed that the town will be crowded as it never has been before.

The program will start at 10 o'clock with the bag pipe overture. This will be followed by the address of welcome by Mayor A. B. McEwen and the response on behalf of the society by Judge Cameron of Portland.

The annual address will be delivered by Prof. W. D. Lyman of Whitman college, but among the most attractive

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BIG EXPLOSION KILLS OVER 100

3000 Pounds of Dynamite Explode in Cuban City, Demolishing Barracks.

BESIDES THE KILLED, 500 ARE INJURED, SOME FATALLY

Two Almost Simultaneous Explosions in Pinar del Rio, Cuba, Wreak Awful Carnage—Most of 100 Dead are Rural Guardsmen—Cause of Explosion Not Known But is Supposed to be Accident—Soldiers on Scene to Prevent Revolutionist Uprising.

Havana, May 19.—A strong force of picked rurales reached Pinar del Rio today. Officials fear a revolutionist uprising following the dynamite explosion yesterday which killed a hundred and wounded five hundred besides wrecking the barracks of massive stone. Many of the injured are expected to die.

There were two, almost simultaneous explosions of dynamite, supposed to consist of 3,000 pounds and they completely demolished the rural guard barracks in the city of Pinar del Rio.

Most of the dead were rural guards—but the entire families of several officers of the rural guards, it is reported, were killed, as well as several employees of the public works department and residents of the city, on which fell the deluge of masonry and debris.

It is not known whether the explosion was an accident or was due to an act of conspirators, but the former hypothesis is considered the more probable. Several relief trains carrying surgeons, officers and men of the rural guard, and government officials, started this afternoon from Havana to the scene of the catastrophe, 108 miles away.

Captain Alfred Ravens and Captain Gaspar Betancourt of the garrison and their families are reported to be buried in the ruins.

The barracks was a massive building of Spanish construction and occupied an eminence in the outskirts of the city. During the last intervention, it was the headquarters of the 11th United States cavalry.

In consequence of the alarm over race disturbances, the government ordered all dynamite in the vicinity in the possession of contractors for road construction and other public works to be removed to the barracks for safe keeping. Yesterday afternoon work of removing the dynamite from the barracks for shipment to Havana was begun by employees of the public works department, assisted by rural guards.

They were loading cases of the dynamite on wagons when the explosions occurred. The central court in which the work was going on was strewn with dead and wounded.

The work of exhuming the dead and searching for those who still may be alive went on all night, but it was greatly retarded by the destruction of the electric light wires and the fear that a quantity of unexploded dynamite may remain in the ruins.

Cruiser Returns from Nicaragua. Bremerton, Washington, May 19.—The cruiser Albany arrived in the Puget Sound navy yard from Nicaragua where it has been stationed since the outbreak of the Nicaraguan trouble last winter. The vessel will be dry docked.

Rev. Quinney Is Honored. The Episcopal convocation which met at the Dalles on Tuesday last was brought to a close last night after a very successful session. The reports from the different parishes, missions and organizations were most enthusiastic and showed steady progress in all branches of church work.

Editor John P. McManus of the Pilot Rock Record, who is in the city today reports having participated in a bear slaughter last Saturday morning. He does not take all the glory for the event, giving equal honors with himself to his brother and to William Scott. The animal weighed 400 or 500 pounds and was killed on the John McCourt timber claim about a mile from Hildeway springs. All three hunters had united in a broadside which laid Mr. Bruin low with seven or eight holes in his body.

DID WE PASS THROUGH TAIL?

Several Scientists Say Earth Did Not Dash Through Comet Last Night.

NO ATMOSPHERIC CHANGE IS RECORDED ANYWHERE

Lick Observatory Director Says Earth Did Not Encounter Tail of Heavenly Wanderer Last Night and May Not at All—Berlin Professors Go Up in Balloon But Learn Nothing—Professors 'Photograph Meteoric Display'—Negroes in South Scared.

Berlin, May 19.—Fifty-two scientists today alighted from a balloon in which they spent the night to observe the earth's passage through the comet. They recorded no perceptible change in the atmosphere as a result of the alleged contact of the earth with the tail. The Lick observatory reports that up to daylight this morning the earth hadn't entered the comet and that unless it passes through this forenoon Director Campbell says it won't pass through at all. He said it won't be known definitely whether the earth goes through the comet until tonight when observations can be made.

Campbell said there is no possible way to observe the comet during the day time. He said Prof. Leuschner's figures were correct so far as they refer to the transit of the comet across the sun's disk, but owing to the curve of the tail the earth hadn't yet entered it.

Princeton, N. J., May 19.—The earth did not begin to pass through the comet's tail till 8 o'clock this morning, according to General Norris Russell, professor of astronomy at Princeton University. He said the tail is curved and could be seen at 2 this morning in the eastern sky, but could not be seen when the earth passed through it on account of the daylight.

Secure Photographs. Yerkes Observatory, Williams Bay, Wis., May 19.—As the world passed through the tail of Halley's comet astronomers at the Yerkes Observatory last night secured photographs and accurate records of meteoric phenomena and varying heavenly illumination under atmospheric conditions nearly perfect for work with camera and telescope.

The pictures and data are considered of unusual value and may develop scientific information and theories of unexpected importance. Professor Edward E. Barnard, one of the world's greatest authorities on comets was much pleased with the result of his observations, which have extended almost without interruption for 48 hours.

A most painstaking search was made through the tail of the comet for spots where illumination might be lacking. This lack of illumination, it was indicated, may aid greatly in determining the substance of the glow that follows the comet's head.

"The passing of the comet," said Professor Barnard, "will greatly enrich science. I consider the negative phenomena observed last night of as great value to science as positive phenomena."

According to first computations from observations made here, the earth entered the million mile broad tail of the comet at a speed of slightly more than 46 miles per second. At this juncture, the eminent scientists gathered here agreed that the passage would occupy a period of little more than five hours.

Sixteen cameras especially constructed for photographing the sky, and fourteen telescopes were trained from this point on the passage of the comet. Pains-taking care was exercised in the arrangement and use of instruments to assure complete and accurate data and pictures. Although they had slept little on the previous night and were busy all day with cameras and telescopes, the astronomers spared not a moment for sleep last night. The party at the observatory included the following scientists:

Professor S. A. Mitchell, Columbia university, New York; Professor Edwin B. Frost, Professor Sherburne W. Burnham, Professor Edward A. Barnard, Professor John A. Parkhurst, Professor Storrs B. Barrett; Professor Frederick Slocum; Oliver J. Lee and Mary L. Calvert.

People Praying. Havana, May 19.—The streets are filled with praying people at Pinar del Rio, caused by the comet.

See Transit Across Sun.

Tokio, May 19.—Both telescopes of Tokio astronomical observatory enabled scientists to photograph the transit of the comet across the sun. No effect on the atmosphere was noted.

No Effect on Atmosphere.

Portland, May 19.—"As far as we could ascertain the passage of Halley's comet last night did not affect the meteorological conditions in the least," said Edgar Beals of the weather bureau today. "We had men on duty during the time the tail enveloped the earth, but nothing out of the ordinary was noted. It is cloudy today over a large part of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and slightly cooler, but this is ascribed to usual changes in the atmospheric conditions and not to the comet."

Negroes Quit Work.

New Orleans, May 19.—Twenty-five thousand negroes in the south are idle today, scared by the sight of meteors last night.

FANATICS WOULD SACRIFICE GIRL TO SAVE EARTH

Aline, Okla., May 19.—Because Henry Heinman, leader of a band of fanatics, wanted to sacrifice Jane Warfield, aged 16, his step-daughter, to save the world from the comet, no violence is feared here today. Heinman is the leader of 40 people who declared the coming comet was the Lord's vengeance and only a human sacrifice would prevent the destruction of the world. They prepared to take the girl's life in a ceremonial when officers interfered. The

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HERBERT ROESCH IS HONORED AGAIN

PENDLETON MIDSHIPMAN GAINS MORE DISTINCTION

Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Roesch of This City Will Have Name Engraved on Celebrated Cup for Excellence in Practical Ordnance.

Annapolis, May 19.—Midshipman Herbert Roesch, of Pendleton, Oregon, will get the honor of having his name engraved upon the cup offered by the National Society of Sons of the Revolution for excellence in practical ordnance. Roesch won the individual championship at the national shooting matches last year.

STUDENTS HANG THREE CITIZENS IN EFFIGY

Pullman, Wash., May 19.—To show their resentment of the \$25 fine imposed on student leaders in last week's riot, several hundred Washington State College students last night paraded and hung in effigy the three men who preferred the complaints. The boys were fined yesterday for breaking up a show.

Teddy Goes Slight Seeing.

London, Eng., May 19.—Col. Roosevelt, United States Marshall Seth Bullock and R. J. Cunningham, Roosevelt's hunting companion in Africa, went sight-seeing today. They visited Westminster Abbey and the tower of London. Several hours were spent in the British museum.

The empire of woman is measured only by her ambition.

BIG BATTLE OF THE LEAGUE LEADERS HERE ON SUNDAY

Coming events cast their shadows before them and also when they are of sufficient importance, are productive of much speculation, argument and gossip. It would take neither sage nor seer to inform the natives of this burg that something of unusual interest is scheduled to happen within the precincts of Pendleton before the rising and setting of many more suns. On every street corner, in cigar stores and barber shops, and at all public gatherings, save only those in the churches, there can be seen animated conversations and gesticulations. To the faithful fans this stir needs no interpretation but to those who do not follow closely the great American game, let it be explained that it signifies the approach of a great contest, the battle of the leaders of the league next Sunday afternoon when the Pendleton Colts and the Weston Mountaineers meet for a supreme test of superiority.

LETTER MUST BE PRODUCED

Investigating Committee Orders Ballinger to Dig Up Missing Letters.

SECRETARY REPORTS HE CAN NOT FIND IT

Much Wrangling Marks Day's Developments in Famous Investigation—Committee Orders Missing Letter of Ballinger-Perkins Correspondence to be Produced—Ballinger Reports it Can Not be Found but is Ordered to Renew the Search.

Washington, May 19.—Correspondence between Ballinger and Perkins, head of the J. P. Morgan company, caused much wrangling at the congressional investigation today. After the arguments, the committee ordered the interior department to furnish one letter missing from the correspondence which the "prosecution" alleged is of particular importance. The department reported it could not be found and the committee ordered the search to be renewed. Oscar Lawler, assistant attorney general, was recalled to the stand for cross-examination.

HER RUSE FREES HUSBAND.

Wife Surrenders Herself to Posses That Mate May Escape. Brazil, Ind.—John Poland and his wife, charged with horse stealing, were cornered in a lumber yard here by citizens. The woman, turning a repeating rifle over to her husband, came forward and surrendered. Under cover of her ruse her husband escaped.

The Polands, who lived on a farm near Greencastle, had been pursued two days and nights by the sheriff's posse. They escaped after an exchange of shots between Mrs. Poland and a deputy sheriff and continued their flight to this city, the posse close behind them.

MAN RUN OVER IS UNHURT.

Wedged Beneath Railroad Ties He Escapes Awful Death. New York.—John Larboreck a line-man in the employ of the New York Central, had a remarkable escape from being ground under a train on the Putnam division at Yonkers.

Larboreck was walking over the trestle at Lawrence street when a northbound train approached. In leaping out of the way he jumped directly in front of a train on the southbound track. He was struck by the engine and hurled into a catch basin below the rails. The engineer brought the train to a stop after it had passed over its victim, and the crew ran to where the man was wedged in, expecting to find him dead and mangled. Larboreck was released, brushed the dirt off his clothes and went about his business.

To Reorganize Greek Army.

Athens.—The Greek government has chosen a French general and six colonials to reorganize the army in order that they may hold full command, a special bill will be laid before the National assembly, giving them temporarily the quality of Greek subjects.

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which attaches to it. Weston now heads the league in the percentage column, only having lost one game during the season, while the local team has dropped two. There are still seven games for each team before the final is written, and of these, three will be between Pendleton and Weston, two in this city and one in the camp of the enemy. Granting that each of these teams takes the remainder of the series with Athena and Pilot Rock, the fate of the pennant lies in the outcome of the Pendleton-Weston games. If the Colts can capture all three, the championship will settle upon them. If they take two they will tie up with the Mountaineers, while if they succeed in but corraling one, they must bow their heads to the Weston lads as their conquerors.